

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
 - an input device for receiving image data as an input;
 - a transfer portion for transferring the image data received by the input device to ~~an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus~~ having an image memory connected to the input device via a network;
 - a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after ~~a transfer of the transfer portion transfers~~ the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network for re-execution of an output instruction;
 - a reception portion for receiving the image data which is transferred by the transfer portion and stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and
 - a printing device for forming an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a retrieval portion for retrieving the image data in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the network.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 2, wherein the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus retrieved by the retrieval portion.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

a warning device for informing a user that the retrieval portion can not identify any memory-incorporating apparatus.

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

a transfer instruction device key for inputting a data transfer instruction in response to operation pressing the transfer instruction key by a user, wherein the retrieval portion retrieves the image data in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus when the data transfer instruction is inputted.

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the memory recall key is displayed on a display device.

7. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the memory recall key is displayed when the retrieval portion identifies ~~[[a]]~~ the memory-incorporating apparatus, whereas the memory recall key is not displayed when the retrieval portion identifies no memory-incorporating apparatus.

8. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the printing device forms the image data received by the input device after the transfer portion transfers the image data received by the input device, and the memory recall key is displayed on the display device during or after image forming operation by the printing device with use of the image data ~~inputted~~ received by the input device.

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:
a reading device for creating image data by reading an image document;
~~a buffer for holding the image data created by the reading device;~~
a printing device for forming a copy of the image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data ~~held in the buffer~~ created by the reading device;
a transfer portion for transferring the image data ~~stored in the buffer created by the reading device~~ to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory connected to a network via the network;
a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after a transfer of the transfer portion transfers the image data ~~received by the input device to the image~~

~~memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;~~

a reception portion for receiving the image data which is transferred by the transfer portion and stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and

a control unit for controlling the printing device so as to ~~which~~ forms an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, further comprising:

a retrieval ~~means~~ portion for retrieving the image data from the image memory in the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the network.

11. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, wherein the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device to the memory-incorporating apparatus retrieved by the retrieval portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a warning device for informing a user that the retrieval portion can not identify any memory-incorporating apparatus.

13. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a transfer instruction device key for inputting a data transfer instruction in response to operation pressing the transfer instruction key by a user, wherein the retrieval portion retrieves the ~~image data from the image memory in~~ the memory-incorporating apparatus when the data transfer instruction is inputted.

14. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, wherein the memory recall key is displayed on a display device.

15. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the memory recall key is displayed when the retrieval portion identifies ~~[[a]]~~ the memory-incorporating apparatus, whereas the memory recall key is not displayed when the retrieval portion identifies no memory-incorporating apparatus.

16. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the printing device forms the image data created by the reading device after the transfer portion transfers the image data created by the reading device, and the memory recall key is displayed on a display device during or after image forming operation by the printing device with use of image data ~~inputted~~ created by the input reading device.

17. (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an image forming apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

a first receive step of receiving image data as an input;

a transfer step of transferring the received-image data received in the first receive step to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory connected to ~~[[a]]the~~ network via the network;

a generate step of generating a memory recall signal in direct response to memory recall key pressing by a user after a transfer of the image data is transferred received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in the transfer step connected to the input device via the network;

a second receive step of receiving the image data which is transferred in the transfer step and stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and

a form step of forming an image with use of the received-image data received in the second receive step.

18. (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an image forming apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

a create step of creating image data by reading an image document with a reading device;

~~holding the image data created with the reading device in a buffer;~~

a form step of forming a copy of the image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data ~~stored in the buffer~~ created in the create step;

a transfer step of transferring the image data held in the buffer created in the create step to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus having an image memory connected to ~~[[a]]the~~ network via the network;

a generate step of generating a memory recall signal in direct response to memory recall key pressing by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device is transferred to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network in the transfer step;

a receive step of receiving the image data which is transferred in the transfer step and stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the memory recall signal; and

a form step of forming an image with use of the received image data received in the receive step.

19. (Previously Presented) An image forming system for connecting a memory-incorporating apparatus incorporating an image memory which can store image data to an image forming apparatus via a network, the image forming system comprising:

an input device for receiving image data as an input;

a transfer portion for transferring the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;

a reception portion for receiving the image data stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the signal; and

a printing device for forming an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion.

20. (Previously Presented) An image forming system for connecting a memory-incorporating apparatus incorporating an image memory which can store image data to an image forming apparatus via a network, the image forming system comprising:

- a reading device for creating image data by reading an image document with a reading device;
- a buffer for holding the image data created with the reading device;
- a printing device for forming a copy of the image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data held in the buffer;
- a transfer portion for transferring the image data held in the buffer to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus;
- a memory recall key which generates a memory recall signal in direct response to pressing of the memory recall key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;
- a reception portion for receiving the image data stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the signal; and
- a control unit for controlling the printing device which forms an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion.

21. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

22. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

23. (Previously Presented) The image forming method as defined in claim 17, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

24. (Previously Presented) The image forming method as defined in claim 18, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

25. (Previously Presented) The image forming system as defined in claim 19, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.

26. (Previously Presented) The image forming system as defined in claim 20, wherein the image forming apparatus does not have an image memory.